

PETITION OF SETH WEED.

NOVEMBER 27, 1820.

Committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The petition of Seth Weed, of Stamford, in the state of Connecticut,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That, during the revolutionary war, and in the service of his country, he received a wound by a musket ball in his left leg, in consequence of which, he has been ever since in some degree lame and unable to prosecute business; that he has been placed on the pension list, at the rate of eighty-one dollars and sixty cents a year; that he is now far advanced in life; that his leg, in consequence of said wound, is much ulcerated, and he much debilitated; and now wholly unable to perform manual labor, and incapable of doing any service by which he can support himself; and that the sum now allowed him is altogether insufficient for that purpose. Your petitioner therefore prays your honors to take his case into consideration, and make him such further allowance, by adding to his pension, as you, in your wisdom, judge proper, and your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

SETH WEED.

Stamford, June 25, 1818.

To Samuel Webb and John Augur, both of Stamford, in the county of Fairfield, in the district of Connecticut, two reputable physicians and surgeons:

I, Pierpont Edwards, district judge of the district of Connecticut, do authorize and commission you, the said Webb and Augur, to examine Seth Weed, of said Stamford, a person, who is now on the pension list of the United States, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary army of the said United States, and who is desirous of obtaining an increase of his pension, as to the nature of the disability of the said Weed, and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a subsistence by manual labor; and you are to report your opinion in writing,

on oath, as to the nature of his disability, and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a subsistence by manual labor; which report you are to transmit to the Secretary for the Department of War, in conformity to the provisions in the fifth section of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war," approved the 10th March, 1806.

Given under my hand and seal, this 19th day of June, A. D. 1818.

PIERPONT EDWARDS.

Whereas we, the subscribers, have been appointed, by the honorable Pierpont Edwards, judge of the United States Court for the district of Connecticut, for the purpose of examining and making a report on the degree of disability attending Seth Weed, of Stamford, in the aforesaid district, do mutually agree to the following statement: viz. We have this day examined said Weed, under oath, and have accurately inspected his bodily complaint, and do find, that he is laboring under an ulcer on his left leg, which has been of long standing, occasioned by a wound from a musket ball, received in the revolutionary war, while in the service of the United States; that he is far advanced in life; is in a debilitated situation, in a great measure occasioned by the pain and discharge from the aforesaid ulcer; that said ulcer would not only be very difficult to heal, but, in our opinion, very unsafe, if it could be effected; the discharge from it has been of so long standing, that his health would be materially injured by its discontinuance. The result of our opinion is, that the disability attending said Weed will continue the full term of his natural life; that it is of such a nature and degree that he is thereby rendered wholly incapable of procuring a support by manual or bodily labor.

Dated at Stamford, June 25th, 1818.

SAML. WEBB, } Surgeons.
JOHN AUGUR, }

State of Connecticut, Stamford, Fairfield County, set:

Personally appeared Samuel Webb, and John Augur, both of said Stamford, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing writing, by them subscribed, before me

JNO. DAVENPORT, junr. Justice Peace.

I certify that John Davenport, junr. is an acting justice of the peace in Fairfield county, state of Connecticut.

S. B. SHERWOOD.

Washington City, Feb. 5, 1819.

I further certify he was an acting justice on the 25th of June, 1818.

S. B. SHERWOOD.

Extract from the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Moses Bursill and others.

“The case of Perez Bradford, who was wounded during the revolution, and since placed on the pension list, and who now applies for an increase of his pension, is not embraced by any existing law.

“These remarks will also apply to the case of Samuel Wellington, who was placed on the pension roll by an act passed on the 20th April, 1796, as well as to those of *Seth Weed*, *Isaac Lewis*, and *Joseph Ligon*.”

